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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -

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FROM: RONALD K. PETERSON (for)
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

OMB CONTACT: Annette ROONEY (395-7300)

SUBJECT: STATE Proposed Report RE: HCR .71, Rescue of
Ethiopian Jews from Ethiopia to Israel]

DEADLINE: AUG 30 1991

COMMENT:

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

Please advise us if this item will affect direct spending or receipts for purposes of the "Pay-As-You-Go" provisions of Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

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RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: Annette ROONEY ✓
Office of Management and Budget
Fax Number: 395-5691
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19 Aug '91

(Date)

FROM: W.H. Kanssteiner

(Name)

NSC

(Agency)

395-3391

(Telephone)

SUBJECT: STATE Proposed Report RE: HCR 171, Rescue of
Ethiopian Jews from Ethiopia to Israel

The following is the response of our agency to your request for views on the above-captioned subject:

✓ Concur

 No objection

 No comment

 See proposed edits on pages

 Other:

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am responding to your request of Secretary Baker for views on H. Con. Res. 171, the proposed Sense of the Congress resolution relating to the rescue of Ethiopian Jews and the current famine in Ethiopia.

We agree with the basic thrust of the resolution. However, there are several passages which need to be updated because the fighting has ceased in Ethiopia. The fifth paragraph of the preamble which states, "Whereas the lives of Ethiopian Jews waiting to join their families in Israel are imperiled by the civil war in Ethiopia;" should be deleted. In paragraph six of the preamble, we recommend deleting the phrase, "in war zones have not been rescued." Again, because the war has ended. Thus, the paragraph would read: "Whereas several thousand Ethiopian Jews and millions of other Ethiopians remain at risk because of famine and a civil war that has ravaged that nation for decades." Also, operative paragraph (4)(A) should be eliminated as the civil war has ended.

We also recommend substituting current operative paragraph (4)(C) of the resolution, because the Ethiopian government leaders have told us they have no objection to Ethiopian Jews emigrating. We do not believe that we should imply there is an emigration problem until it is shown that one exists. We recommend the following substitution: (would be operative (B) if (4)(A) is eliminated as we suggest.)

(B) The United States should encourage the Ethiopian government to maintain its policy of free emigration of Ethiopian Jews.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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Janet G. Mullins
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Dante B. Fascell, Chairman,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives

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